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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HEAT TREATMENT OF GLASS
MATERIAL AND NATURAL MATERIALS SPECIFICALLY OF
VOLCANIC ORIGIN

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Preliminary to Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title, please insert as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of Czech Republic Application Nos. PV 1999-2185, PV 2000-968, and PV 2000-1935 filed June 17, 1999, March 17, 2000, and May 25, 2000, respectively. Applicant also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/CZ00/00042 filed June 12, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was published in English.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3, 5, 6, and 8-10 as follows: